

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The retractor of claim 13[1], wherein each of the retaining walls has a substantially flat side.
3. (Currently Amended) The retractor of claim 13[1], wherein the first and second retaining walls are nested relative to one another.
4. (Currently Amended) The retractor of claim 13[1], wherein at least one of the retaining walls has a curved bottom edge.
5. (Currently Amended) The retractor of claim 13[1], wherein at least one of the retaining walls has a compliant bottom edge.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) The retractor of claim 13[1], wherein the frame includes a mechanism that holds the retaining walls apart from each other.
8. (Currently Amended) The retractor of claim 13[1], wherein the first guide receiving channel comprises a slot.
9. (Previously Presented) The retractor of claim 8, further comprising a second guide receiving channel, the second guide receiving channel being disposed in the frame.

10. (Previously Presented) The retractor of claim 9, wherein at least one of the guide receiving channels is slotted.

11. (Currently Amended) The retractor of claim 13[1], wherein at least a portion of the retractor is substantially transparent.

12. (Currently Amended) The retractor of claim 13[1], further comprising a web that couples distal portions of the retaining walls.

13. (previously presented) A retractor comprising:

a frame having a first guide receiving channel;

a first tissue retaining wall;

a second tissue retaining wall movably coupled to the first tissue retaining wall, wherein one of the first tissue retaining wall and the second tissue retaining wall is coupled to the frame;

a first guide having an end, the first guide being sized and dimensioned to be received within the first guide receiving channel, the end being sized and dimensioned to be insertable into a first area of bone; and

a plurality of removable finger processes extending from distal portions of one of the first and second retaining walls.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The retractor system of claim 13[1], wherein the first guide is held in place with respect to the bone by a screw.

16. (Currently Amended) The retractor system of claim 13[1], further comprising a clamp or nut that cooperates with the first guide to assist in holding the frame in position relative to the bone.

17. (Currently Amended) The retractor system of claim 13[1], wherein the retractor has a second guide receiving channel spaced apart from the first guide receiving channel, and further comprising a second guide sized and dimensioned at one end to be received within the second guide receiving channel, and at another end to be inserted into a second area of bone.

18. (Previously Presented) The retractor system of claim 17, wherein the second guide is held in place with respect to the bone by a second screw.

19.-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) The retractor of claim 13[1], wherein the first tissue retaining wall is moveable coupled to the second tissue retaining wall via a living hinge.

26. (Currently Amended) The retractor of claim 13[1], wherein the first tissue retaining wall and the second tissue retaining wall are moveable from a first position to a second position, the first and second tissue retaining walls are substantially flat when in the first position.

27. (Currently Amended) The retractor of claim 13[1], wherein the first tissue retaining wall and the second tissue retaining wall are substantially continuous so that the first and second tissue retaining walls form a substantially continuous wall.

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28. (Canceled)